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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number/Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	
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	BG	James B. Russell, et al. "Energetics of Bacterial Growth: Balance of Anabolic and Catabolic Reactions" Microbiological Reviews (March, 1995, pp. 48-62)		

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